

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2511
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CITIZENSHIP TO REFUGEES
Modi Shri Sushil Kumar

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether lakhs of families migrated to India in 1971 during India-Pakistan war are leading life of refugee in several districts of Northern Bihar including Muzaffarpur, Motihari and Bettiah;
- (b) if so, whether these migrants have not been given citizenship and other facilities in spite orders issued by the Government on the lines of the judgement given by Patna High Court;
- (c) if so, the time by which they will be given citizenship and other facilities; and
- (d) the number of refugees which have been given this facility in other parts of the country and the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c) Hon`ble Patna High Court in CWJC No. 15806 of 2004 in the case of Purbi Bengal Sharnarathi Samiti and another Vs The State of Bihar and others, in the order dated 03.01.2005, inter-alia, have directed the State Government of Bihar to complete the inquiry about the genuineness of citizenship before issuing caste certificates to migrants from the eastwhile East Pakistan within a period of nine months.
- (d) No such data is maintained by the Central Government.